

## NOTES AND NEWS St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro, MI – 3/03/2024

A warm welcome to all worshipers here on the Third Sunday in Lent. Empowered by our Lord's Spirit, we continue to run the race of faith! This is an important "training stop" along the way as together we grow in faith and worship our loving Lord Jesus. We thank the Lord for each of you being with us today.

**FELLOWSHIP PAD:** Visitors & Members - please sign the Fellowship Pad, ***KIDS TOO!*** Visitors, please include your address. If you have no church home, are interested in becoming part of our church family, or would like information about St. Paul, please talk with an usher, elder, or Pastor Steele, who will be happy to speak with you.

**COMMUNION IN THE PEW:** If it has become necessary for you to have communion brought to you in the pew and you have not already done so, please notify the pastor or an elder. We are pleased to assist you to receive this great blessing on a regular basis.

	<b>3/3 8:30 AM</b>	<b>3/3 11:00 PM</b>	<b>WED 3/6 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Bob Eremia	Garrett Tetil	John Weidman
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Bob Eremia	Cindy Morley	Cathy Erla
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob Eremia	Cindy Morley	John Weidman
<b>Usher</b>	Singers & Larry McCreedy	Enders	Linda Matuszak & Robyn Blasius

**Attendance last week:** 81 + 73 + 40 = 194

**Offering:** \$6,316.00                      **Needed \$8,642.37**

- **THE BOOK OF REVELATION** is Pastor Steele's Sunday Morning Bible Class starting today. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **NEW ON THE WEBSITE:** There is a new tab on the website, called **News**, where you can find the weekly bulletins, Notes and News, *eBulletin*, and the monthly Newsletter. [www.stpaulcaro.org/news](http://www.stpaulcaro.org/news)
- **JOY GROUP OUTING:** Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 6th**, and go to the Brentwood for lunch, then to the Vassar Theatre to see "*Ordinary Angels*," a film of drama, inspiration, and faith, scheduled at 1:00. This film is about a fierce but struggling hairdresser who sets out to help a widower and his two daughters. What unfolds is a true-life story of faith, everyday miracles, and hope. Group rate for tickets is \$5. Karen has 18 tickets and can get more if needed.  
PLEASE JOIN US for Christian fun and fellowship!! Just Older Youth includes everyone 50 and older. If you can come, please sign the sheet posted on the board in the narthex.

- **COUNTERS NEEDED:** The finance team is looking for a couple more counters. Let me (Lynn) know if you are interested and I'll pass your name on.
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A TABLE?** The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will have their annual **Spring Tea on April 22**. If you would like to host a table, please let Lynn know. M-F 8:30-4:30, 989-673-4214 or [lynn@stpaulcaro.org](mailto:lynn@stpaulcaro.org) anytime. The theme this year will be "Garden Flowers" or something to do with flowers. The exact theme is yet to be determined. More information will come later for those that would like to attend as a guest.
- **ARE YOU A GRADUATE OF CONCORDIA ANN ARBOR?:** Have your children or grandchildren attended CUAA? Recently the new president of Concordia Ann Arbor gave the startling announcement that there would be drastic cuts to the university's budget including selling off of campus property and real estate. These drastic measures are slated for later this year! There was no warning about this to the alumni, the district presidents, or congregations of the districts. This is a surprise because we have heard nothing but glowing reports of higher enrollment and new programs offered. In an effort to give the leadership extra time before selling property, the Michigan District has proposed an emergency fund-raising effort of \$5 Million to keep the Concordia Ann Arbor open until a better solution could be reached. To learn more and especially to pledge support, visit [www.michigandistrict.org](http://www.michigandistrict.org) and see the article on the front page. Please read President Davis' report about this on the district website. **Please pray for Concordia University Ann Arbor (CUAA).**
- **LIVING PASSION DRAMA:** St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Richville will host their 23rd Annual Living Passion Drama with performances on Friday March 22 at 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM, and Saturday, March 23 at 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM & 7:30 PM. Come to the church to watch this live performance in scenes presented in the sanctuary. You'll see live action scenes of what our Lord endured before He gave His life for us on the cross. Because of His sacrifice, we have the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven. Fellowship and refreshments follow the presentation. 3455 S. Van Buren Road, near the intersection of M-46 and M-15. For more information call 989-868-4791, or visit the church website at [stmichaelsrichville.com](http://stmichaelsrichville.com)
- **NEWSLETTER SPONSORS NEEDED FOR 2024:** If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for a month, please see or call Lynn in the office at 989-673-4214. **The cost is only \$25 per month.** You can sponsor in honor of someone, in celebration of an event, or whatever reason you want.

- **BAY SHORE B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Spiritual Truths):** Blast is a one-day event on **April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7 pm** where **6th-12th graders** from all over can come together for fellowship, play games, worship, talk, get to know each other, and just have a blast! There will be “free time” activities (laser tag, gaga ball, 9-square, table games, etc.), food, a giant group game, and a service. The cost is just \$1 per person, paid at the door when you arrive.
- **LWML IS NO LONGER SAVING VG RECEIPTS.**
- **DIRECT YOUR LABELS:** Please save your ***Our Family*** brand barcodes. You only need to turn in the barcode. You can put them in the box above the card case. There is a slot labeled for them. What a fun way to earn money for the missions we support.
- **FEBRUARY CHILDREN’S BULLETIN DRAWING WINNERS:** For February, all children that turned in at least one bulletin can pick out a prize! Bulletins that I received are: *Grant & Maci Ewald, Adam & Connor Peasley, and Cora & Stella McCreedy*. You may all come to the office for a prize either M-F, 8:30-4:30, or see me (Lynn), or Pastor, or any of the Elders to pick up your prize. The Elder for the day is always listed at the top of this Notes & News section for your convenience.
- **CHILDREN’S BULLETIN DRAWING:** Kids – remember to put your Children’s bulletin in my mailbox (Secretary) when you complete it to be in the Monthly Drawing. You only have to do one of the two pages that you get. Please make sure your name is on it.
- **SET APART TO SERVE:** The need is great for church workers. Learn more about the LCMS church work recruitment initiative. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or for even more information, go to the following link: [lcms.org/sas](http://lcms.org/sas)
- **SOS VOLUNTEERS:** We have begun using the iPad and the Substitute Organist Service (SOS) for musical accompaniment in our Traditional Services. The SOS will be used occasionally, perhaps twice a month. **We need volunteers** to learn how to use the system and who are willing to serve at church services. If you are willing to serve, please let Pastor know if you prefer Early or Late Sunday services and if you are also willing to serve on Wednesday Evenings. **We NEED you!** Call Pastor Steele at (989) 673-4214.
- **HABAKKUK BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Habakkuk. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

- **FAMILY PROMISE THRIFT:** What used to be Michigan House of Hope on Joy Street in town is now Family Promise Thrift. They are still in need of volunteers. For information call Pastor Mike Wester at 989-325-5827.

**March 3 – March 10**

<b>Sunday, March 3</b> Numbers 14-15	<b>The Third Sunday in Lent</b> <b>8:30 AM Contemporary Worship with Comm.</b> <b>9:45 AM Sunday School / Bible Class</b> <b>11:00 AM Traditional Worship with Comm.</b> <b>12:15 PM 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation</b>
<b>Monday, March 4</b> Numbers 16-18	<b>5:30 PM Choir Practice</b> <b>6:30 PM Handbells Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 5</b> Numbers 19-21	<b>8:30 AM Quilters</b> <b>5:30 PM Contemporary Rehearsal</b> <b>6:30 PM Board of Elders</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 6</b> Numbers 22-24	<b>Midweek of Lent 3</b> <b>11:00 AM JOY Group</b> <b>5:30 PM Advent Meal – LWML</b> <b>7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service</b>
<b>Thursday, March 7</b> Numbers 25-26	
<b>Friday, March 8</b> Numbers 27-29	
<b>Saturday, March 9</b> Numbers 30-31	
<b>Sunday, March 10</b> Numbers 32-33	<b>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> <b>8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Comm.</b> <b>9:45 AM Sunday School / Bible Class</b> <b>11:00 AM Contemporary Worship with Comm.</b> <b>12:15 PM 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation</b>

**NEXT WEEK...**

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